



13 February 2025

Our Ref: FOI 482

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Elderly Care**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 17 January 2025.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance & Estates Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. Who within the Foundation Trust, has the commissioning responsibility for care home placements for older people (aged 65+)? Please provide their:

- a. Name**
- b. Job title**
- c. Telephone number**
- d. Email address**

A1. The Interim Assistant Director of Adult Disability Services has the commissioning responsibility for care home placements for older people.
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Q2. Please provide the gross total expenditure on older person's (age 65+) services for financial year 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 (actual) and financial year 2024/25 (projected):

For question 2a, please provide total spend on personal social services for people aged 65+. This will include spend on residential, nursing, and domiciliary care (2b, 2c, and 2d) as well as other social care for older people such as day services, etc

- a. Gross total expenditure on older person's (65+) services**
- b. Gross total expenditure on residential home placements (65+)**
- c. Gross total expenditure on nursing home placements (65+)**
- d. Gross total expenditure on domiciliary care/home care (65+)**

A2. Please see Table 1.

Table 1

Question	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Older Peoples Services	£112,661,384	£125,066,443	£141,248,669	£163,277,696
Residential Home Placements	£18,656,849	£19,067,120	£21,243,791	£23,410,608
Nursing Home Placements	£52,131,957	£57,912,958	£63,787,752	£68,620,057
Domiciliary /Home Care	£39,660,069	£42,529,594	£48,129,653	£57,050,994

Q3. Please provide figures for the total number of older people (aged 65 and over) that the foundation trust has funded during the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25 (projected). This should include both new placements made during each year and ongoing placements funded by the foundation trust:

- a. Residential care**
- b. Residential dementia care**
- c. Nursing care**
- d. Nursing dementia care**
- e. Domiciliary care/home care**

A3. Please see Table 2.

Table 2

Question	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Residential Care	902	963	1,030
Residential Dementia Care	132	136	140
Nursing Care	2,177	2,227	2,272
Nursing Dementia Care	384	358	358
Domiciliary Care/Home Care	3,470	3,715	Refer to Note 1*

*Note 1. The Trust are unable to provide accurate figures for Domiciliary Care/Home Care in 2024/2025 due to reporting issues from the implementation of the new data system.

Q4. Please provide the average (mean) weekly fees paid for care home placements for older people (aged 65+) in financial year 2023/24 and 2024/25:

- a. Older person's residential**
- b. Older person's residential dementia**
- c. Older person's nursing**
- d. Older person's nursing dementia**

A4. Please see Table 3.

Table 3

Question	2023/2024	2024/2025
Older Person's Residential	£704.98	£759.47
Older Person's Residential Dementia	£714.16	£771.52
Older Person's Nursing	£884.75	£936.81
Older Person's Nursing Dementia	£907.86	£976.50

Q5. Please provide the set or banded weekly fees paid for care home placements for older people (aged 65+) in financial year 2023/24 and 2024/25:

- a. Older person's residential**
- b. Older person's residential dementia**
- c. Older person's nursing**
- d. Older person's nursing dementia**

A5. Please see Table 4.

Table 4

Question	2023/2024	2024/2025
Older Person's Residential	£697	£748
Older Person's Residential Dementia	£697	£748
Older Person's Nursing	£865	£910
Older Person's Nursing Dementia	£865	£910

Q6. Please provide the proposed average percentage uplift to the weekly rate paid by the foundation trust between 2023/24 and 2024/25:

- a. Older person's residential**
- b. Older person's residential dementia**
- c. Older person's nursing**
- d. Older person's nursing dementia**

A6. Please see Table 5.

Table 5

Question	2023/2024	2024/2025
Older Person's Residential	7.96%	7.35%
Older Person's Residential Dementia	7.96%	7.35%
Older Person's Nursing	6.88%	5.26%
Older Person's Nursing Dementia	6.88%	5.26%